GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MINING WORK IN COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified those coal mine areas in the country where the Coal India Ltd. has notyet started mining work;

(b) if so, the details of such mining areas alongwith the states where such coal areas are situated;

(c) the quantum of coal reserves estimated to be found in these coal areas; and

(d) the schemes formulated by the Government to start mining in these coal mine areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a): To sustain coal production level of 2006-07 for another 30 years, 275 blocks have been identified to be retained by Coal India Limited & its subsidiaries. Out of these, mining work has started in 13 blocks by the end of IXth Plan.

(b) & (c): State-wise distribution of blocks to be retained by Coal India Limited is given below:

State	Coalfield	Blocks retained by Coal India Limited.		
		No.	Reserve (BT)	
West Bengal	Raniganj	20	6.49	
Jharkhand	Rajmahal, Saharjuri, East & West Bokaro, North & South Karanpura, Hutar, Daltonganj, Jharia, Ramgarh	Raniganj,	101	11.52
Madhya Pradesh	Johilla, Patherkhera, Pench Kanhan, Singrauli, Sohagpur, Umaria		32	2.62
Chhatisgarh	Bisrampur, Jhilmilli, Korba, Lakhanpur, Mand Raigarh, Ramkola-Tatapani, Sonhat, Sendurgarh		43	6.51
Maharashtra	Kamptee, Umrer-Bander, Wrdha Valley		58	3.32
Orissa	Talcher, Ib-Valley		21	7.86
Total		275	38.32	

(d): During the IXth plan period mining work has started in 13 blocks after formulation and approval of project reports /schemes. It has been programmed to start mining operation in additional 52 and 57 blocks during the Xth Plan and XIth plan respectively. In the rest of the blocks, mining operation will start beyond XIth plan.